

The Fundamental Concepts of Vectors

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1.7 Derivative of a Vector

Consider a vector \mathbf{A} , whose components are function of single variable u . The parameter u is usually time t . The vector may represents position ,velocity and so on.

$$\mathbf{A}(u) = iA_x(u) + jA_y(u) + kA_z(u)$$

So the derivative of \mathbf{A} can be expressed as following

$$\frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} = \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{A}}{\Delta u}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \left(i \frac{\Delta A_x}{\Delta u} + j \frac{\Delta A_y}{\Delta u} + k \frac{\Delta A_z}{\Delta u} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} = \left(i \frac{dA_x}{du} + j \frac{dA_y}{du} + k \frac{dA_z}{du} \right)$$



Ordinary
Derivatives.

1.7 Derivative of a Vector

Now, below are the rules of vector differential

$$\frac{d(A + B)}{du} = \frac{dA}{du} + \frac{dB}{du}$$

$$\frac{d(nA)}{du} = \frac{dn}{du}A + n\frac{dA}{du}$$

$$\frac{d(A \cdot B)}{du} = \frac{dA}{du} \cdot B + A \cdot \frac{dB}{du}$$

$$\frac{d(A \times B)}{du} = \frac{dA}{du} \times B + A \times \frac{dB}{du}$$

1.8 Position vector of particle: Velocity and Acceleration in Rectangular Coordinates:

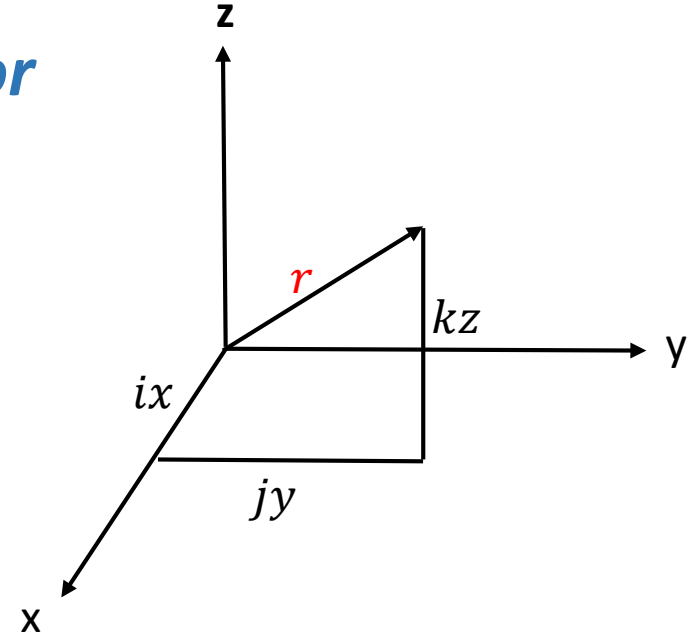
$$r = ix + jy + kz$$

Position Vector

$$\text{As } x = x(t), y = y(t) \text{ and } z = z(t)$$

$$v = \frac{dr}{dt} = \left(i \frac{dx}{dt} + j \frac{dy}{dt} + k \frac{dz}{dt} \right)$$

$$\text{or } v = \dot{r} = \dot{x} + \dot{y} + \dot{z}$$



The velocity value is called **the speed** and defined :

$$v = |v| = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2}$$

In rectangular components and the second derivative of velocity is called the acceleration

$$a = \dot{v} = \ddot{r} = \ddot{x} + \ddot{y} + \ddot{z}$$



Acceleration

Example1: Projectile Motion

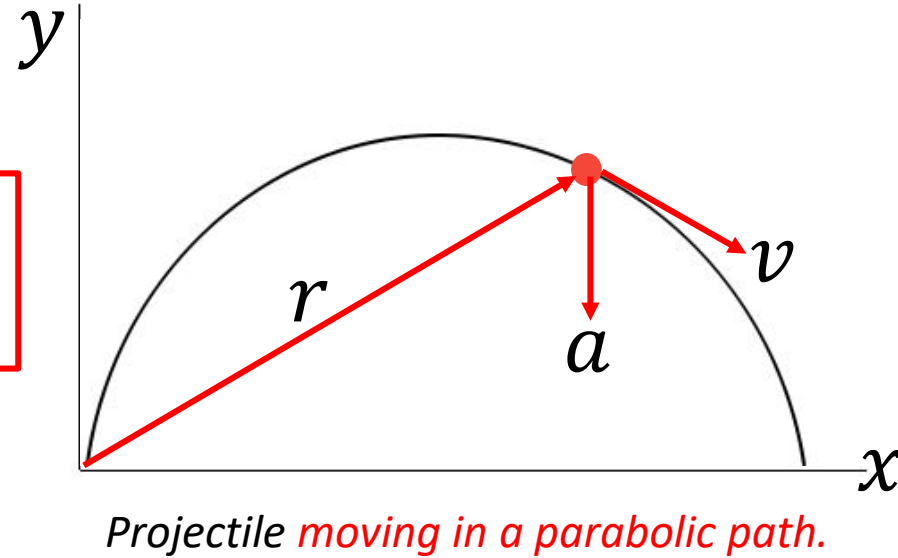
Let us examine the motion represented by the equation

$$r(t) = ibt + j \left(ct - \frac{gt^2}{2} \right) + k0$$

This represents **motion xy-plane** and the velocity can be obtained by **differentiating with respect to (t)**

$$v(t) = \frac{dr}{dt} = ib + j(c - gt)$$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = -jg$$



$$\text{Speed} = v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

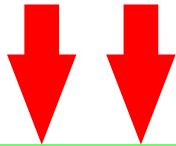
$$v = \sqrt{b^2 + (c - gt)^2}$$

Example2: Circular Motion

Suppose the position vector of a particle is given by

$$r = i b \sin \omega t + j b \cos \omega t ; \omega: \text{constant}$$

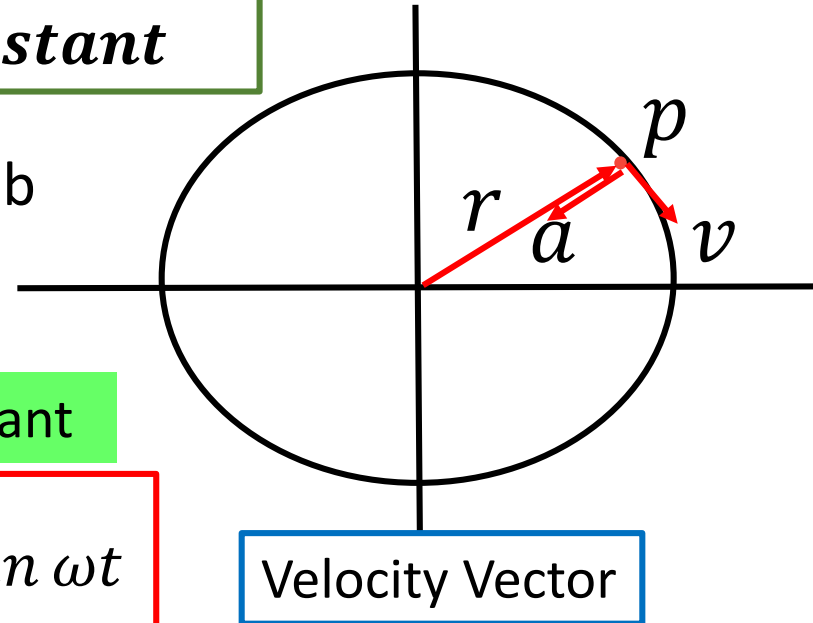
$$|r| = \sqrt{(b \sin \omega t)^2 + (b \cos \omega t)^2} = b$$



The distance from origin remains constant

$$v(t) = \frac{dr}{dt} = i b \omega \cos \omega t - j b \omega \sin \omega t$$

The particle traverses in constant speed



➡ Speed = $|v| = \sqrt{(b\omega \cos \omega t)^2 + (b\omega \sin \omega t)^2} = b\omega$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -i b \omega^2 \sin \omega t - j b \omega^2 \cos \omega t$$

Acceleration Vector

In this case the (a) is perpendicular to the velocity as $(a \cdot v) = 0$

$$a \cdot v = (-i b \omega^2 \sin \omega t - j b \omega^2 \cos \omega t) \cdot (i b \omega \cos \omega t - j b \omega \sin \omega t)$$

$$a \cdot v = (-i b \omega^2 \sin \omega t) \cdot (i b \omega \cos \omega t) + (-j b \omega^2 \cos \omega t) \cdot (-j b \omega \sin \omega t)$$

$$a \cdot v = -b \omega^3 \sin \omega t \cos \omega t + b \omega^3 \cos \omega t \sin \omega t$$

$a \cdot v = 0$  (a) is perpendicular to the velocity

$$r = i b \sin \omega t + j b \cos \omega t$$

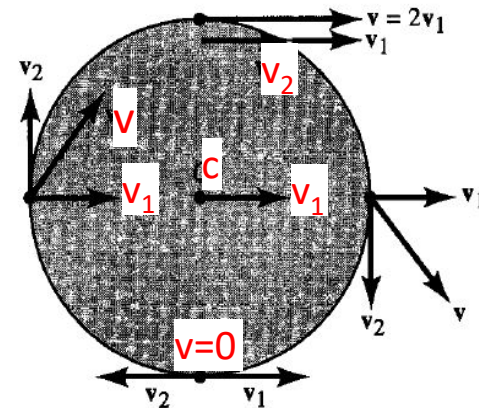
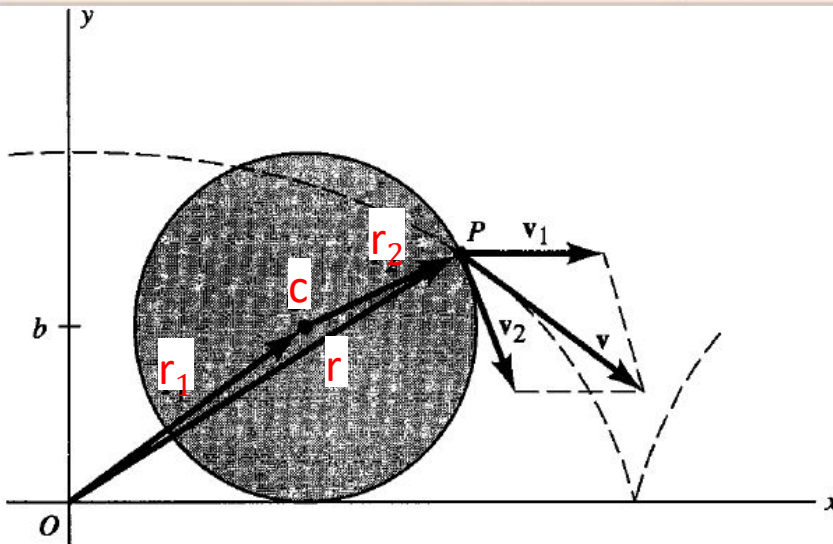
$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 (i b \sin \omega t + j b \cos \omega t)$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 r$$

So a and r in opposite direction, that is a always points toward the center of the circular path.

Example3: Rolling Wheel

Consider a rolling wheel following position vector $r = r_1 + r_2$ in which $r_1 = ib\omega t + jb$ and $r_2 = ib \sin \omega t + jb \cos \omega t$, where r_1 represents a point moving along the line $y = b$ at constant velocity and r_2 is just the position vector for the circular motion (see example 1.8.2). Find the velocity of the point P .

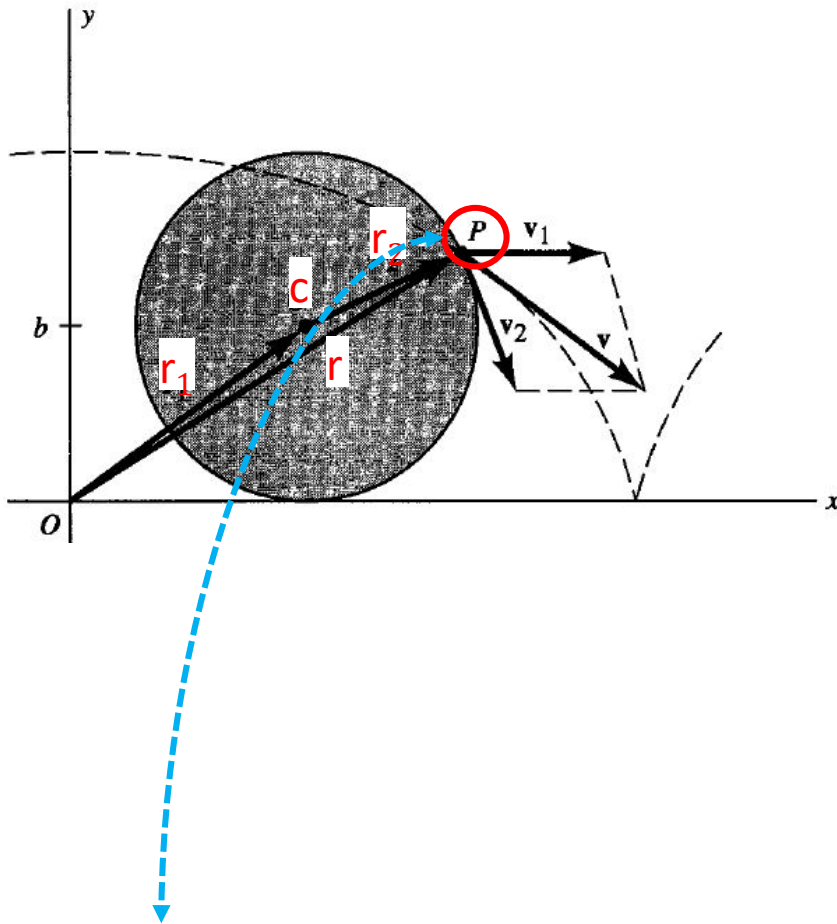


$$r = r_1 + r_2$$

$$r_1 = i b \sin \omega t + j b$$

r_1 represents a point moving along line ($y = b$) at constant velocity ω .

$$r_2 = i b \sin \omega t + j b \cos \omega t$$



$$r_1 = i b \omega t + j b$$

$$r_2 = i b \sin \omega t + j b \cos \omega t$$

$$v_1 = \frac{dr_1}{dt} = i b \omega$$

$$v_2 = \frac{dr_2}{dt} = i b \omega \cos \omega t - j b \omega \sin \omega t$$

$$v = v_1 + v_2 = i (b \omega + b \omega \cos \omega t) - j b \omega \sin \omega t$$

Velocity vector of P

Home Work

Acceleration vector of P

Home Work:

- (a) A buzzing fly moves in a helical path given by the equation

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{i}b \sin \omega t + \mathbf{j}b \cos \omega t + \mathbf{k}ct^2$$

Show that the magnitude of the acceleration of the fly is constant, provided b , ω , and c are constant.

- (b) A bee goes out from its hive in a spiral path given in plane polar coordinates by

$$r = be^{kt} \quad \theta = ct$$

where b , k , and c are positive constants. Show that the angle between the velocity vector and the acceleration vector remains constant as the bee moves outward. (*Hint: Find $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}/va$.*)

- (c) A small ball is fastened to a long rubber band and twirled around in such a way that the ball moves in an elliptical path given by the equation

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{i}b \cos \omega t + \mathbf{j}2b \sin \omega t$$

where b and ω are constants. Find the speed of the ball as a function of t . In particular, find v at $t = 0$ and at $t = \pi/2\omega$, at which times the ball is, respectively, at its minimum and maximum distances from the origin.

Thanks for your attention